(c) whether NFDC is also planning for Indo-Overseas film co-productions in the near future;

(d) if so, whether any proposal has been received from foreign countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Eforts are being made by NFDC to promote Indian films in foreign countries and also to encourage co-productions by Indian and Foreign Producers. NFDC has also received proposals for Co-productions with overseas producers. These proposals are at a preliminary stage of negotiations.

Bids invited for telecasting programmes on DD-I and Metro Channel

†71. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prasar Bharati has invited bids for telecast of programmes at prime time on DD-I and Metro Channel;

(b) if so, what is the total number of institutions which have been selected for making bids; and

(c) the amount these institutions have offered for telecasting the programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Prasar Bharati have informed that bids were invited by them for prime-time slots on Metro Channel but not for DD-I.

(b) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that it was an open bid and therefore, no institutions were selected for making bids.

(c) Prasar Bharati has informed that in the first bid held in the

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

month of June, 2001 no bid for prime-time slots (7.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M.) was received. Only one bid of Rs. 50.00 lakhs, for 11.00 PM to 00 hours was received from M/s. Moving Picture Co. (India) Ltd.

Bids were invited again by Prasar Bharati in the month of June-July, 2001 for 7.00 P.M. to 11.00 P.M. slots, without fixing floor price for these slots. The names and bid amount quoted by the bidders are as under:

Time slot	Name of the bidders	Bid Amount in Rs.
7.00 to 8.00 P.M.	M/s Prachar Communications	1,00,53,158/-
8.00 to 9.00 P.M.	M/s Pritish Nandy Communications	1,01,00,000/-
	M/s Prachar Communications	4,60,34,921/-
	M/s Sri Adhikari Brothers	9,00,00,000/-
9.00 to 10.00 P.M.	M/s Prachar Communications	6,38,00,921/-
	M/s Shri Adhikari Brothers	9,00,00,000/-
10.00 to 11.00 P.M.	M/sPrachar Communications	4,00,67,921/-

Prasar Bharati has intimated that the above bids were not accepted.

Seniorty List of IIS Officers

72. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether her Ministry has revised the seniorty list of the Indian Information Service Officers;

(b) whether it is fact that the Ministry has given undue benefit to some of the Officers who are on *adhoc* basis;

(c) if so, the reasons for giving such benefit; and

(d) the guidelines for fixing the seniority of IIS Officers?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Seniority List of Indian Information Service Group 'A' Officers had been revised in